

Overhead #1

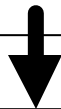
In 1763, Pierre Laclede, a French fur trapper, and his 14-year old stepson began exploring along the Mississippi River. They were looking for a place to start a fur trading post.



They chose a spot on the west bank of the Mississippi just south of where the Missouri and the Mississippi Rivers meet.



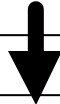
In 1764, they began to clear the site and build temporary log cabins. They named the settlement St. Louis in honor of the King of France.



They added other buildings including a storage shed, a log church, and a stone house for Pierre Laclede.

Overhead #2

West of the village, a large piece of land was made into a “commonfield” for people to farm. A mill and dam were built on a creek.



Native Americans and Europeans from up and down the river came to the trading post to trade. The small settlement began to grow into an important trade center.



By 1766, the settlement had 75 buildings, including two granaries, a bakery, a maple sugar works, and a church. The population of the town had risen to 300.



By 1804, the population had grown to 1,100. There were 180 houses in the town. There were few stores and some merchants sold goods out of their homes. The town had only one doctor. Businesses included a bakery, two small taverns, three blacksmith shops, and two mills.

Timeline Information

<p>1764</p> <p>Pierre Laclede and Auguste Chouteau start a fur trading post that later became St. Louis.</p>	<p>1859</p> <p>A street railway began which used horses drawing cars along rails.</p>
<p>1904</p> <p>A World's Fair is held in St. Louis in Forest Park. The first ice cream cone was featured at the World Fair.</p>	<p>1804</p> <p>St. Louis became part of the United States with the Louisiana Purchase.</p>
<p>1876</p> <p>St. Louis separated from St. Louis County and became one of the few cities that was not part of any county.</p>	<p>1993</p> <p>The Metrolink public transit system opened.</p>
<p>1798</p> <p>The fur trading post became the town of St. Louis with a population of 925.</p>	<p>1966</p> <p>Busch Memorial Stadium is dedicated.</p>
<p>1817</p> <p>The first steamboat arrived in St. Louis. This increased the role of St. Louis as a trade center.</p>	<p>1985</p> <p>Union Station reopened with a hotel, shops, restaurants, and even an indoor lake.</p>

<p>1822</p> <p>St. Louis was incorporated as a city.</p>	<p>1967</p> <p>The Gateway Arch opened to the public.</p>
<p>1912</p> <p>The St. Louis Zoo was founded.</p>	<p>1880</p> <p>The St. Louis Symphony was started. It is the country's second oldest symphony.</p>
<p>1929</p> <p>C. L. Grigg, who was a soft drink salesman and owner of a general store, introduced the Bib-label lithiated lemon-lime soda in St. Louis. In 1931 he changed the name to 7-Up.</p>	<p>1841</p> <p>The city limits expanded to an area of 4.5 square miles. This happens again several times as St. Louis grew.</p>
<p>1804</p> <p>Lewis and Clarke left Camp Wood near St. Louis on May 14 to explore the Louisiana Purchase.</p>	<p>1849</p> <p>A serious fire destroyed 15 city blocks and 23 steamboats.</p>
<p>1961</p> <p>The Mark Twain Expressway opened.</p>	<p>1991</p> <p>The first casino, a riverboat named the Alton Belle, opened for business.</p>
<p>1974</p> <p>The St. Louis Port Authority was created.</p>	<p>1930</p> <p>Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport opened.</p>

<p>1834</p> <p>The first daily newspaper in the country, the St. Louis Herald, started.</p>	<p>1891</p> <p>The Wainwright Building, the world's first skyscraper, is built in St. Louis on 7th Street.</p>
<p>1894</p> <p>St. Louis Union Station opened. For many years it was the largest and busiest passenger rail station in the world.</p>	<p>1857</p> <p>A city fire department started which took the place of the volunteer fire department.</p>
<p>1861</p> <p>The last slave auction was held in St. Louis.</p>	<p>1874</p> <p>The Eads Bridge across the Mississippi River opened allowing trains to cross the river.</p>
<p>1877</p> <p>Electric trolley cars began to run on St. Louis streets.</p>	<p>1890</p> <p>Electricity was brought to the city of St. Louis.</p>
<p>1898</p> <p>The first automobiles appeared in St. Louis. Later St. Louis became an important car-building center.</p>	<p>1955</p> <p>People were concerned about decay in the city. Money was approved for Civic Improvement bonds.</p>